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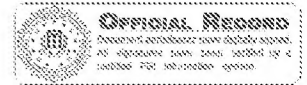
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) New case.**Date:** 06/06/2014**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Open and assign.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

On 5/29/14 the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. (SBSD) received a telephone call from a man claiming [redacted]

[redacted] The Sheriff's Dept. swat team, hostage negotiators, K9 units and a helicopter were dispatched to the address that the man gave, [redacted]

[redacted] and the family inside was called outside at gunpoint. The SBSD determined that no crime had occurred at the house and that this was a "swatting incident" perpetrated from an unknown individual. The next day the Santa Barbara Fire Dept. was dispatched to the same address from a man who said that [redacted]

[redacted] Later that day [redacted] received several phone calls from a man demanding [redacted]

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Title: (U) New case.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 06/06/2014

[redacted] The man provided [redacted] with personal information about herself and her family. The man then sent [redacted] an e-mail demanding the [redacted]

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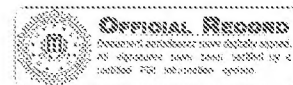
[redacted] Hal Finney, who is terminally ill with ALS. Hal is one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin, a virtual currency. The Unsub is demanding over [redacted] worth of Bitcoin (it's worth on 5/30/14).

It is requested that a new case be opened and assigned.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Import Form****Form Type:** INSERT**Date:** 06/11/2014**Title:** (U) Transcript of call#1 to Dispatch**Approved By:** SSA [REDACTED]b6  
b7C**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169(U) UNSUB;  
[REDACTED]Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;  
[REDACTED]

Extortion;

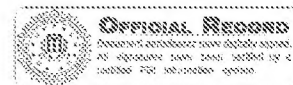
OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Transcript of call to SBSB dispatch re: murder of family**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) recording
2. (U) transcript of recording

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Date of entry 06/11/2014

The attached reports from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department were provided by Lt. [REDACTED] regarding the swatting incidents and extortion of [REDACTED]. Also included in the reports are the two e-mails that [REDACTED] received from the subject.

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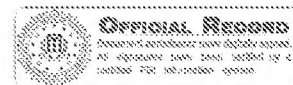
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Investigation on 06/02/2014 at Santa Barbara, California, United States (In Person)File # 9A-LA-4991169 Date drafted 06/11/2014

by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;  
[REDACTED]

Extortion;

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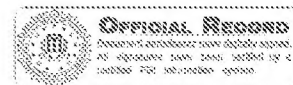
**Synopsis:** (U) Transcript and recording of subject's call to the fire dept. on 5/30/14.**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Recording of fire dept. call
2. (U) transcript of recording

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## Import Form

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Date: 06/20/2014

Title: (U) RE: exception form

Approved By: A/SSA [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

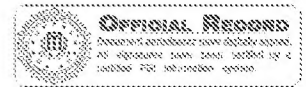
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Synopsis: (U) RE: exception form

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Date of entry 06/23/2014

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence located at [redacted] in Santa Barbara, California, telephone number [redacted]. Also present and participating in the interview, was [redacted]. The interviewing agents were also introduced to [redacted] Harold Finney (Hal) [redacted] [redacted] but they did not participate in the interview or remain present in the room. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] Hal, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2009. He is currently at the end stages of the disease, confined to a hospital bed and dependent on life support to stay alive. Hal can only communicate through his computer using eye movements but is losing that ability now too because he is losing control of his eye muscles.

[redacted]

On 5/29/14, [redacted] Hal, [redacted] were ordered out of their house at gunpoint by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department after someone had reported that a murder had occurred at their home (it is known to the interviewing agents that the Finney's were victims of "swatting"). The next morning [redacted] received several voice mail messages on her home telephone from a man (the subject) who's voice seemed to be disguised. [redacted] caller ID feature showed that the subject was calling from telephone number [redacted]. The subject claimed

[redacted]

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Soon after the voicemail messages were received, the Santa Barbara Fire Department arrived at her house because they received a call that her house was on fire although nobody in the home had called. The subject called [redacted] again while the police were still at her house responding to the report of fire in the home. [redacted] talked to the subject and he claimed that he was the one who sent the SWAT team and fire department to her home. He

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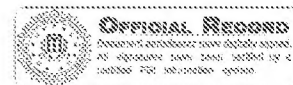
Investigation on 06/04/2014 at Santa Barbara, California, United States (In Person)

File # 9A-LA-4991169 Date drafted 06/06/2014

by [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Import Form**

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Date: 06/24/2014

Title: (U) transcript of UNSUB [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Transcript of telephone call between UNSUB and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and voicemail messages left by UNSUB

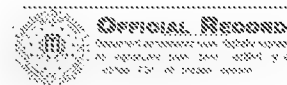
**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) UNSUB/[REDACTED] call recording
2. (U) Recording of SBSD/unsub call
3. (U) Recording of voicemail messages left by UNSUB

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## Import Form

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Title: (U) VM msg. 5/30/14

Approved By: SSA

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) Voicemail message from UNSUB left on 5/30/14 at 10:00PM

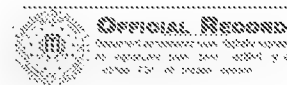
Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) recording of 5/30/14 voicemail

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Import Form****Form Type:** INSERT**Date:** 06/26/2014**Title:** (U) June 1, 2014 recordings and transcript**Approved By:** SSA [REDACTED]b6  
b7C**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169(U) UNSUB;  
[REDACTED]Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;  
[REDACTED]

Extortion;

OO: LA

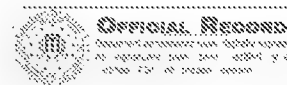
**Synopsis:** (U) reports, recordings and transcript of 6/1/14 incident**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Recording of 6/1/14 call to SB County Fire Dept.
2. (U) recordings between UNSUB and Dep. [REDACTED] 6/1/14
3. (U) sheriff's report

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Lead to Carl Junction, MO**Date:** 07/28/2014b6  
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b7E**CC:** [REDACTED]**From:** LOS ANGELES  
LA-VNRA (SSA [REDACTED])**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** A/SSA [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Determine wi-fi security.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

On 5/29/2014 at 11:25 am, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department (SBSD) received an emergency telephone call from a distraught man who identified himself as [REDACTED] and said that he

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[REDACTED] The SBSB dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.

The residents of the home are [REDACTED] Hal, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also at the home during this

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# Santa Barbara County Sheriff

14-7844

Supplement No  
0002



4434 Calle Real

Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1002

Report Type  
ALL OTHER

Reported Date  
06/01/2014

Officer

(805) 681-4100

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## Administrative Information

Agency	Report No	Supplement No	Reported Date	Reported Time	Status
Santa Barbara County Sheriff	14-7844	0002	06/01/2014	18:29	Incident
Report Type	Location				
All Other Offenses					
City	Rep Dist	Area	Beat	From Date	From Time
Santa Barbara City	139	1	40	05/29/2014	11:27
		Assignment			
		SOUTH COUNTY OPS - GOLETA			
Assignment	RMS Transfer	Prop Trans Stat	Assigning Officer		
SOUTH COUNTY OPS - GOLETA	Successful	Successful			
Approval Date	Approval Time				
06/11/2014	05:52:44				

## Summary Narrative

N/A

## Victim (Person) 1: FINNEY, HAROLD

Involvement	Inv No	Type	Name	MNI				
Victim (Person)	1	Individual	FINNEY, HAROLD	800371				
Race	Sex	DOB	Age	Juvenile?	Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
White	Male	05/04/1956	58	No	5'10"	190#	Brown	Hazel
Type	Address				City			
Home					Santa Barbara City			
State	Date							
California	06/01/2014							
Phone Type	Phone No	Date						
Home		06/01/2014						

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## Modus Operandi

Crime Code(s)  
All others

## Narrative

(A) Continuation:

None.

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**Santa Barbara County Sheriff****Narrative****(B)Physical Evidence:**

(1)One CD containing two audio tracks. The first audio track is the 9-1-1 recording between the suspect and the 9-1-1 call taker. This was provided to me by SBSO Dispatch. The second audio track is a phone conversation between me and the suspect. I obtained this recording with my audio recorder while inside the victim's residence. The CD was booked into SBSO Property as evidence.

**(C)Narrative:**

On Sunday, 06-01-14 at approximately 1831 hours, I was dispatched to [redacted] for a call transfer originating from SBPD [redacted] The reporting party was transferred to SBSO where he now claimed [redacted] b6 b7c

[redacted] The reporting party identified himself as, "Hal Finney" and provided a callback number of [redacted] Due to recent "swatting" reports at this residence these allegations were suspected to be false, but I responded to the residence for a "check the welfare" of the true Hal Finney and his family.

When I arrived I confirmed there was no emergency. According to [redacted] they are continuing to receive annoying and harassing phone calls from the unidentified suspect [redacted] mentioned to me that they cannot change their number or turn off their telephone because Hal is terminally ill and they constantly communicate with multiple doctors' offices.

While leaving the residence the suspect telephoned again. I spoke to the suspect and activated my audio recorder. I identified myself as "Deputy [redacted]" but received no response. I asked, "Can I help you?" the suspect proceeded to ask me if I could suck his cock. I then informed the suspected that it was against the law for him to make annoying and harassing phone calls and I was clear to him that every phone call that he made was an additional offense. The suspect demanded that the victim's [redacted] and then he would leave them alone. When the suspect became defensive, [redacted] he then threatened me with "If you keep flexing on me bro I'm gonna have the swat team at your door in two minutes." Prior to me hanging up on the suspect he asked for my social security number so that he could verify who I was. I obviously did not adhere to his request and I subsequently terminated the phone call.

While at the Sheriff's Station, I attempted to callback [redacted] but it was not in service. I believe the suspect is calling from somewhere other than the west coast, based on his statement about turning into Spiderman at night. It was not dusk until approximately 2005 hours, despite SBSO receiving the false report at 1829 hours.

**(D)Disposition:**

Attn. Records: Follow-Up Report, Forward to Detectives.

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Title: (U) Lead to Carl Junction, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014

incident was [REDACTED] Hal Finney is in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and is bound to a hospital bed and on life support.

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On 5/30/2014 at 5:45am, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was [REDACTED] and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller said he would [REDACTED] Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and [REDACTED] answered and recorded the call. The man said that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The man [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When [REDACTED]

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Title: (U) Lead to Carl Junction, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014

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The caller then asked [REDACTED] if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation [REDACTED] caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt you're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that [REDACTED]

The caller then sent [REDACTED] an email while they were talking on the phone which read, [REDACTED]

The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.

The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
contacts and swatting were causing such stress [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Hal is one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney is Satoshi Nakamoto but [REDACTED] denies that he is, although he has always worked in the cryptography field. Hal was diagnosed with ALS in 2009 and can no longer move, swallow, blink, communicate, eat, or breathe on his own.

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Title: (U) Lead to Carl Junction, MO

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/28/2014

The caller used Skye to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A Facebook.com page was identified for [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

According to

[REDACTED]

it appears that he also lives at this address with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is requested that the assigned agent proceed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

and determine if there is a wireless network at the location and if it is a secure network. It is also requested that a physical description of the location be obtained for a potential search warrant of the residence.

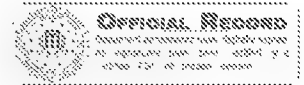
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The following is a description of [REDACTED] and the location:

[REDACTED]

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**Title:** (U) Results of Investigation at Carl  
Junction, Missouri

**Date:** 08/07/2014

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**From:** KANSAS CITY  
KC-07

**Contact:**

**Approved By:** SSRA

**Drafted By:**

**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) To Document Investigation at  
Missouri

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**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Photo of
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4. (U) Photo of
5. (U)

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**Details:**

Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri  
determined a NETGEAR Secure WiFi network and a Sony Play Station 3  
wireless system is present at the address.

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Title: (U) Results of Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 08/07/2014

is registered to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A visual check of the residence confirmed three vehicles  
registered at that address to a [REDACTED]

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Open source record checks reveal that the property is owned by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Missouri,  
indicating the [REDACTED] is a renting tenant at the property.

Records identified the residence to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Missouri.

A visual check confirmed the residence's location depicted on the  
county recorder's [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(U) The residence [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Missouri, that has [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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(U) [REDACTED] were collected and placed into  
the 1A section of the case file.

(U) Kansas City considers this lead covered.

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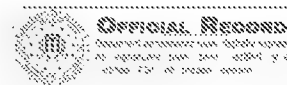
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Title: (U) Results of Investigation at Carl Junction, Missouri  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 08/07/2014

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Leads from [REDACTED]**Date:** 10/06/2014**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [REDACTED])

**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** A/SSA [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Leads to contact other possible victims.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

On 5/29/2014 the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department (SBSD) received a telephone call from a distraught man who identified himself as [REDACTED] and said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The SBSB dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.

The residents of the home are [REDACTED] Hal, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hal Finney was in the end stages of

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Title: (U) Leads from [REDACTED]  
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Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and was bound to a hospital bed and on life support. Hal Finney subsequently died in August 2014.

The next day [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was [REDACTED] and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The caller said he would [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and [REDACTED] The man said that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The man

[REDACTED] The man knew that the Bitcoin [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller stated that he knew the police were at her house and listening to his call but he didn't care because he was anonymous and lived in [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]

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The evening of 5/30/2014 Hal wanted to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hal was one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but [REDACTED] denies that he was, although he always worked in the cryptography field.

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The caller used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. [REDACTED]

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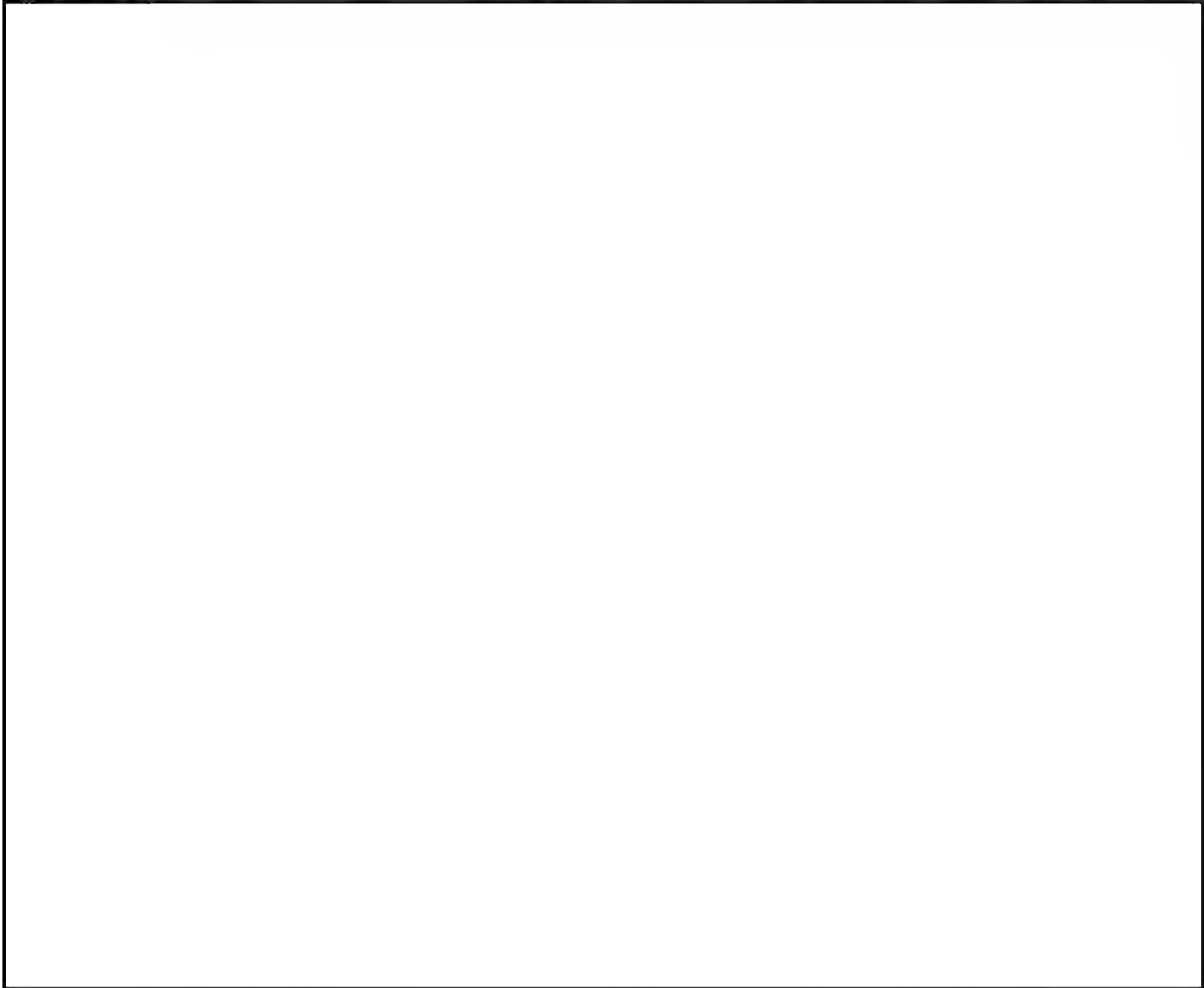
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offices attempt to locate these other agencies called by the subject to determine if there are more victims or if any recording exists of the calls.



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It is requested that the LVMPD be contacted and a recording of the calls be obtained and any reports obtained if they were generated.

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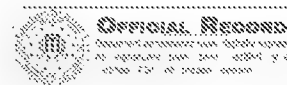


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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) lead to contact [REDACTED]**Date:** 10/06/2014b6  
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LA-VNRA (SSA [REDACTED])

**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** A/SSA [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Interview [REDACTED]**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

On 5/29/2014 the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department (SBSD) received a telephone call from a distraught man who identified himself as [REDACTED] and said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The SBSD dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.

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The residents of the home were [REDACTED] Hal, [REDACTED] Also at the home during this incident [REDACTED] Hal Finney, age 59, was in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and

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Title: (U) lead to contact [REDACTED]

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was bound to a hospital bed and on life support. Hal Finney subsequently died in August 2014.

The next day [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was [REDACTED] and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said he was the one who [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The caller said he would [REDACTED] Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that [REDACTED] The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and [REDACTED] answered and recorded the call. The man said that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The man [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The man knew that the Bitcoin [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller stated that he knew the police were at her house and listening to his call but he didn't care because he was anonymous and lived in [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] said that she didn't understand Bitcoin but would try to figure it out, the caller replied,

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[REDACTED]

The caller then asked [REDACTED] if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation [REDACTED] and the caller replied, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The caller then sent [REDACTED] an email while they were talking on the phone which read, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hal,

[REDACTED]

The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.

The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The evening of 5/30/2014 Hal wanted to have his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hal was one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but [REDACTED] denies that he was, although he always worked in the cryptography field.

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The caller used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is requested that lead offices attempt to locate these other agencies called by the subject to

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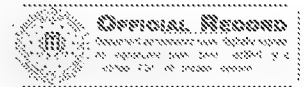
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determine if there are more victims or if any recording exists of the calls.

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[redacted] was interviewed further regarding an attempt to extort Bitcoin from him. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] has received numerous tips on-line regarding the identity of the extortionist but doesn't know if the information is accurate.

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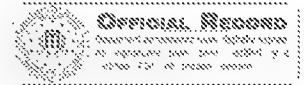
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by [redacted]

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[redacted]  
e-mail address [redacted] provided the following information regarding an attempt to extort Bitcoin from him. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] e-mail was hacked into and the hacker got access to [redacted] personal information such as his passport number, information about his mother and his Social Security Number. The hacker contacted [redacted] by Skype messaging and demanded [redacted] or else he would use the personal information to ruin his life by selling it to fraudsters.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] provided the links to the attached printed website articles corroborating and detailing his story.

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by [redacted]

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## SITUATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

### Tradecraft Alert

LOS ANGELES Division

Approved for Release: 19 November 2014

SIR Number:

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#### (U//~~FOUO~~) Swatting Incident tied to Extortion Demanding Bitcoin

SOURCE: (U//~~FOUO~~) An officer of another law enforcement agency.

(U//~~FOUO~~) As of May 2014, according to a law enforcement source, a disabled resident of Santa Barbara County and his family (victims) were targeted for extortion demanding bitcoin<sup>i</sup>, an alternative currency, through the use of swatting.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The perpetrator (subject) obtained personal information about the victims, including medical condition, residential location, identity of family members, and financial investment information. The subject phoned in a false emergency call to a local law enforcement agency stating the husband (referred to in the call by an unrelated first name but a correct last name)   A SWAT team, hostage negotiators, detectives, K-9 units, and a helicopter were deployed to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two local schools were placed on lockdown as a precaution. It should be noted that at the time of the swatting incident, the husband was bound to a hospital bed on life support.

(U//~~FOUO~~) According to the same law enforcement source, prior to and subsequent to the incident,  received multiple telephone calls presumed to be from the subject, many of which went to voicemail. In the messages, the male subject claimed responsibility for the swatting incident. The subject also made additional threats

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[REDACTED] Thirty minutes after the threat, a local fire department received a call from the subject claiming to be the husband. The subject made a false report [REDACTED]. This incident was resolved as another swatting incident.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Subsequent to the report of fire, the subject called again and demanded bitcoin currency or he would continue to harass the family. Specifically, the subject demanded [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The subject made reference to the husband's medical condition [REDACTED]

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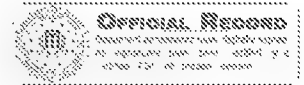
(U//~~FOUO~~) The subject made the calls using Skype technology and used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first one when he reported [REDACTED]

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<sup>i</sup> (U) According to open-source information, the US Treasury has characterized bitcoin as a decentralized virtual currency. Bitcoin payments work peer-to-peer without a central repository or single administrator. The virtual currency allows users to conduct transactions globally.

(U) This report has been prepared by the LOS ANGELES Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

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[redacted] e-mail address [redacted] provided the following additional information regarding an attempt to extort Bitcoin from him. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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When [redacted] was contacted telephonically by an individual claiming to be a Detective in Missouri, that was the only time he spoke to anyone telephonically regarding the Bitcoin extortion demands and the voice on the telephone did not sound as if it was being disguised. [redacted]

The contact from [redacted]

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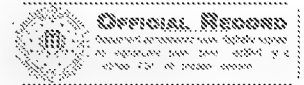
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[redacted]  
e-mail address [redacted] provided the following information regarding an attempt to extort Bitcoin from him. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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On 8/26/14 [redacted] was telephonically contacted by an individual identifying himself as Officer [redacted]

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[redacted]  
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[redacted] [redacted] advised them that someone was impersonating an officer from their department.

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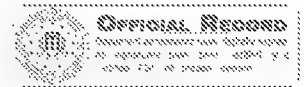
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

Title: (U) [REDACTED]

Date: 11/20/2014

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CC: [REDACTED]

From: LOS ANGELES

LA-RV01 SSA [REDACTED]

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSRA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED] - Victim;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[REDACTED]

Extortion;

OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) Tp document contact with [REDACTED] and coverage of leads.

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Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Email
2. (U) PowerPoint

**Details:**

On October 15, 2014, SA [REDACTED] received via e-mail a recording of a swatting call that was made to the Riverside Police Department (RPD) on June 5, 2014. For details of the call refer to the attached e-mail and PowerPoint presentation containing the recording.

The attached PowerPoint presentation was forwarded to the case agent on the same date it was received from RPD. SA [REDACTED] was notified that the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSO) had not been able to locate the requested swatting call, made to their department on 6/5/14, that

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Title: (U) [REDACTED]  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 11/20/2014

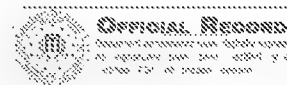
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possibly went through their dispatch. SA [REDACTED] has provided additional details to assist RSO in locating the call.

On November 18, 2014, SA [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] Refer to the separate report of the interview of [REDACTED] for details. In summary [REDACTED] was not willing to cooperate in the investigation at this time but left the door open to cooperating in the future.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence located at [redacted]  
[redacted]

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A female who answered the door of the residence called [redacted] to the door after being advised of the contacting Agent's identity. [redacted] stepped out front of the house and closed the door behind him. After being advised of the identity of interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] asked if he could take a picture of the Agents credentials. When he was told he could not [redacted] began questioning how he could be sure of the Agent's identity. [redacted] expressed concern about how the Agent came to find out where [redacted] was living and he also expressed doubt about the truthfulness of why the Agent was there. After the Agent explained to [redacted] how he could confirm the Agent's identity and explained in detail the nature for the interview and that [redacted] was believed to be a victim of an extortion by a criminal or criminal enterprise, [redacted] remarked that the Agent works for the biggest Criminal Enterprise in the country. When asked to clarify, [redacted] said the US Government is the biggest criminal enterprise and that the collection of taxes was illegal.

[redacted] was advised that he did not have to talk to the Agent and that he Agent was there on an investigative lead because [redacted] was believed to be a victim. If [redacted] did not want to talk or cooperate the Agent would leave. [redacted] continued speaking and asking questions so the interviewing Agent continued to try to ask questions about the possible extortion.

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[redacted] was not forthcoming with answering any questions, but did acknowledge that he had received an extortion demand on the date in

Investigation on 11/18/2014 at [redacted] California, United States (In Person)

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Date drafted 11/19/2014

by [redacted]

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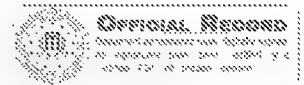
question and that he had been being harassed. [REDACTED] said he had done some of his own investigation and wanted to work in partnership with the FBI to stop the person(s) that were harassing him, but that he would need to vet the interviewing Agent first. [REDACTED] made references to having recorded the call and having identified the call as having originated from Skype. [REDACTED] also referred to another person of interest but said he would provide that information in an e-mail later to the Agent, again saying only after he had vetted the agent. [REDACTED] acknowledged to being involved in the Bit Coin industry and said he was known to those looking to trade or buy Bit Coin but did not elaborate.

[REDACTED] used his telephone to take a picture of the Agent during the interview. [REDACTED] said he could not be sure if the interviewing Agent was working for the FBI or for those who were extorting him. [REDACTED] said that the people involved were very able and smart.

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No notes were taken during the interview, as [REDACTED] told the interviewing Agent when he pulled his notebook out that he would not say anything if the Agent took any notes.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) RSO**Date:** 11/20/2014**CC:** [REDACTED]b6  
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b7E**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-RV01 SSA [REDACTED]

**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** SSRA [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) To document recording provided by RSO.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Email
2. (U) Recording

**Details:**

On November 20, 2014, SA [REDACTED] received via e-mail from Deputy [REDACTED] of the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSO) two recordings possibly associated with a swatting incident called into RSO dispatch on June 5, 2014. The e-mail with the attachment was forwarded on the same date to the case agent.

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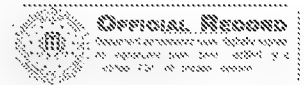
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**Title:** (U) Attendance, liaison, and dissemination  
of SIR at the VCIU meeting

**Date:** 12/04/2014

**CC:** [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** IAM [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

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(U) ANALYST ADMIN FILE [REDACTED] LOS  
ANGELES [REDACTED]

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014

**Responsible Organization:** LOS ANGELES

**Agency Contacted:** Ventura County Sheriff on 12/04/2014 via Meeting,  
In Person

**POC:** Ventura County District Attorney Investigator [REDACTED]

**Work:** [REDACTED]

**E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**Disseminated On:** 12/04/2014 (Once)

**Dissemination Details:** (U) Writer briefed and disseminated SIR  
[REDACTED] to attendees.

**Method:** Written

**Follow-up Required (SSTF):** No

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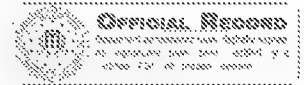
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Incident tied to  
Extortion Demanding  
Bitcoin

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Date of entry 04/08/2015

On 3/20/2015, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Sgt. [REDACTED] provided the writer two CD's and call report logs for 6/1/2014 and 6/2/2014. The CD and call report logs for 6/1/2014 appear to be correct. The CD and call report logs for 6/2/2014 do not appear to be what was requested. Both will be submitted via an FD-340.

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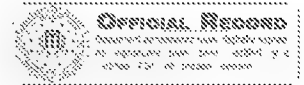
On 3/20/2015, the writer requested the correct call for 6/2/2014 again from Sgt. [REDACTED]. As of 3/27/15, Sgt. [REDACTED] had not received a status update on the missing call.

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Date of entry 04/13/2015

On 4/8/2015, it was determined that 702-878-8272 is the number for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) South Central Area Command. If an emergency call came in on this line and someone answered, the call would have been forwarded to 911 line.

On 4/9/2015, LVMPD Sgt. [REDACTED] provided the writer one CD and a call report log for 6/2/2014. Both will be submitted via an FD-340. The call came in at approximately 9:47 hours.

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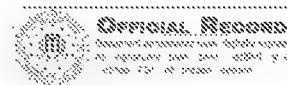
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Attached is a transcript of 911 "swatting" calls they were recorded by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on June 1, 2014.

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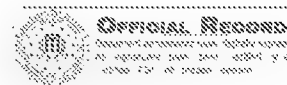
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Date of entry 04/29/2015

Attached is a transcript of a 911 call made to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on 6/2/14 by an individual who identified himself as

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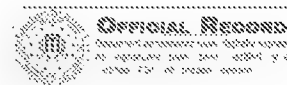
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Form Type: OTHER

Date: 07/01/2015

Title: (U) Victim Notification Letter

Approved By:

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

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Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

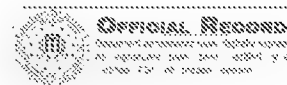
Extortion;

OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) 90 day update regarding investigations notice.

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Date of entry 07/06/2015

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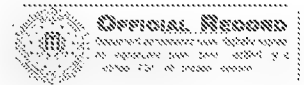
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

Title: (U) [REDACTED]

Date: 08/12/2015

From: LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [REDACTED])

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) Facebook accounts identified

Full Investigation Initiated: 06/06/2014

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) [REDACTED]
2. (U) [REDACTED]
3. (U) [REDACTED]
4. (U) [REDACTED]

Details:

The following [REDACTED] were found for Destin Shryock"

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Title: (U)



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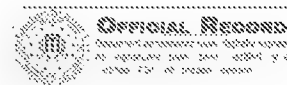


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Title: (U) Victim Notification Letter

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

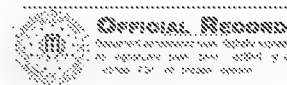
OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) 90 day update regarding investigations notice.

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**Title:** (U) Victim Notification Letter

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

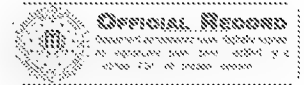
OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) 90 day update regarding investigation notice.

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Date of entry 02/17/2016

Attached is an e-mail from [redacted] with a link to [redacted].  
When received this link no longer worked as the page had been removed.  
[redacted] advised in 2014 that this [redacted] was received sometime in  
2013 but that he never followed the link.

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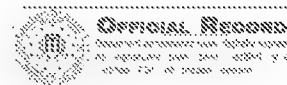
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Date of entry 02/17/2016

The attached e-mail was forwarded from [redacted] and contains the extortion that was initially received by [redacted] Hal Finney on 6/13/13 at his e-mail address, [redacted]

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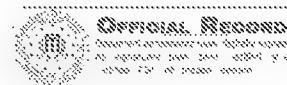
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by [redacted]

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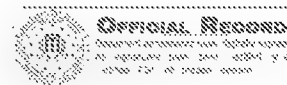
Date of entry 02/17/2016Attached are e-mails, some containing links, from b6  
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The attached e-mail was received from [REDACTED]  
on 6/19/13 regarding a telephone call she received on her telephone number  
[REDACTED] from the subject's telephone number [REDACTED] on  
5/30/13.

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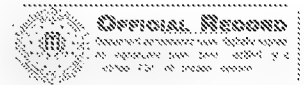
by [REDACTED]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Lead to interview subject.**Date:** 03/28/2016**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]b6  
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b7E**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) INSUR:

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Lead to interview Destin Shryock**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Missouri driver's license for Shyrock
2. (U) Missouri driver's license photo for Shryock
3. (U) vehicle registration
4. (U) Lexis Nexis for Charles Shryock
5. (U) [redacted]

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On 5/29/2014 at 11:25 am, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) received an emergency telephone call from a distraught man who identified himself as [redacted] and said that [redacted]

[redacted] The SBSO dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that

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Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016

someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.

The residents of the home were [redacted] Hal, [redacted] incident was [redacted] Hal Finney was in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and was bound to a hospital bed and on life support.

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The next morning [redacted] received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was [redacted] and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said [redacted]

[redacted] Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that he was in a [redacted]

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[redacted] The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and [redacted] The man said that [redacted] The man demanded [redacted]

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[redacted] The man knew that [redacted]

[redacted] the caller replied, [redacted]

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[REDACTED] (see  
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The caller then asked [REDACTED] if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation [REDACTED] the caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt you're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that

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[REDACTED]

The caller then sent [REDACTED] an email while they were talking on the phone which read, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.

The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but [REDACTED] denies that he was, although he has always worked in the cryptography field. Hal was diagnosed with ALS in 2009 and at the time of this incident he could no longer move, swallow, blink, communicate, eat, or breathe on his own. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hal died on August 28, 2014, less than 2 months after the calls began. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The subject used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. Call detail records were obtained for Skype and it showed that the subject also called Police and Fire Departments all over the United States.

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[REDACTED]

A [REDACTED] page was identified for [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MO, where he listed that he is a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it appears that he also lives at this address with his [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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In August 2014, FBI KC went by the [REDACTED] address and determined that the WIFI was secure and that the house was owned by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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In October 2014, FBILA became aware that a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who both denied making the swatting calls. They said that they were the only ones who used the computers in the house except for [REDACTED] Destin Shryock. (Shryock was not present). There were no more reported incidents after the Officer's visit to the Carl Junction residence.

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Destin Shryock seems to be the most likely suspect in this case. He was just recently identified as Charles Destine Shryock.

According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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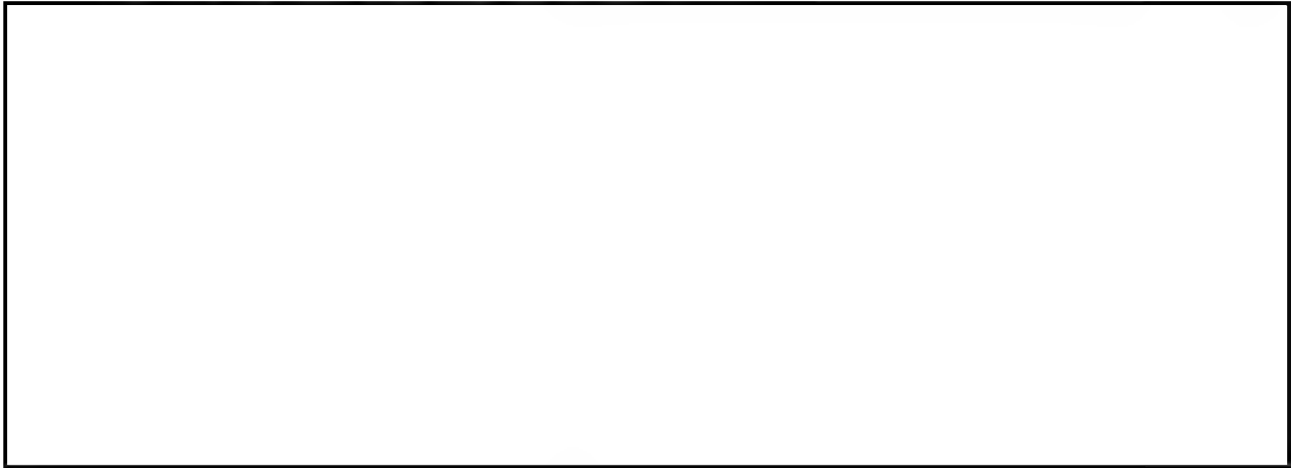
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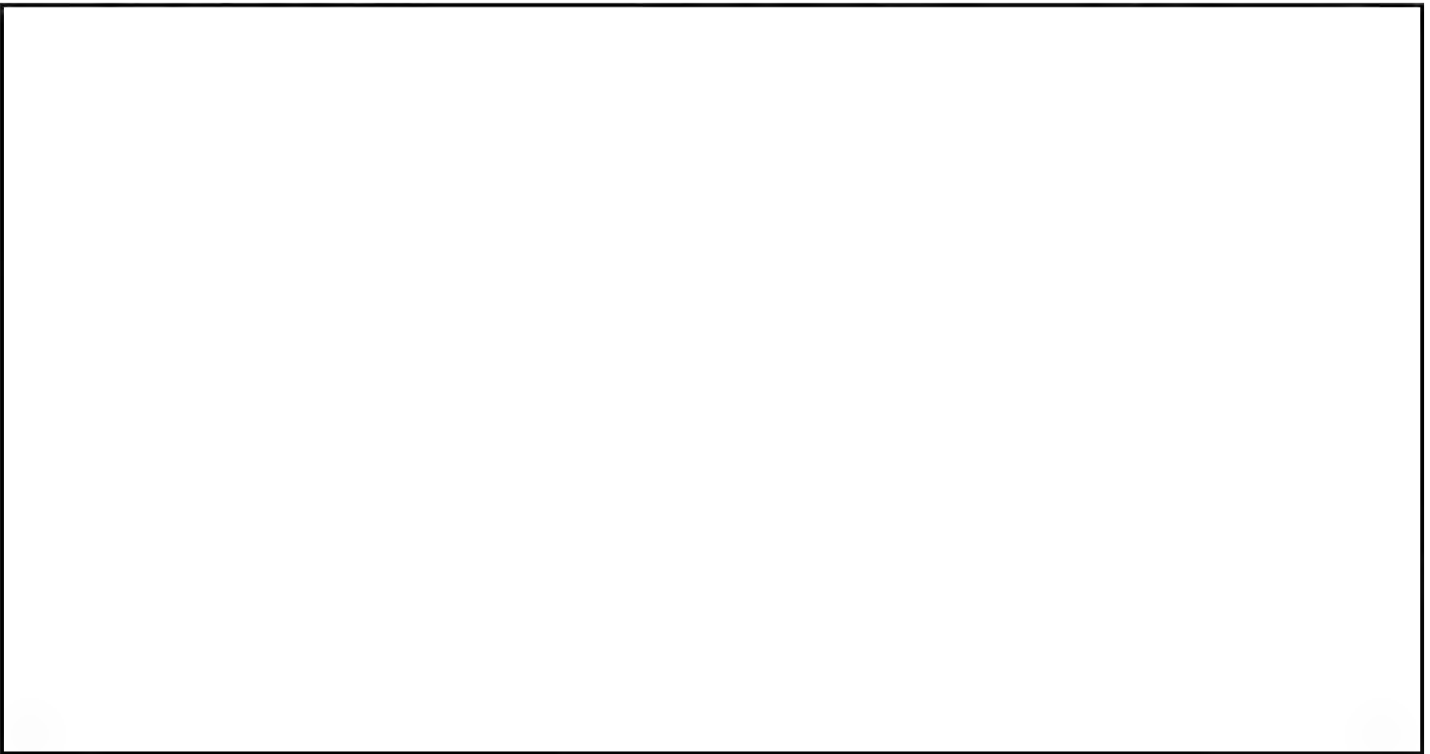
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It is requested that a **recorded** (for voice comparison) interview be done of Destin Shryock regarding his extortions and swatting calls to the Finney residence. It is also requested that a consent search for his computer be obtained. The following topics should be covered beyond the logical interview.



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Title: (U) Lead to interview subject.

Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 03/28/2016

The following is a description of Shryock:

Name:	Charles Destine David Shryock
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	8/24/94
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Green
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Address:	6011 County Lane 295, Carl Junction, MO (according to vehicle registration) or 1504 Byers Avenue, Joplin, MO
MO License:	W202054008
Vehicle:	2000 Pontiac (white), HJ5P6K

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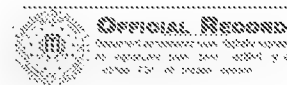
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Form Type: EMAIL

Date: 05/13/2016

Title: (U) Shyrock

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

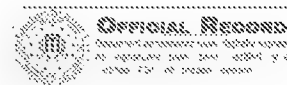
OO: LA

Synopsis: (U) Shyrock

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Form Type: OTHER

Date: 06/08/2016

Title: (U) Victim Notification Letter

Approved By:

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

EXTORTION;

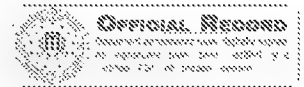
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**Synopsis:** (U) To provide an interim case update regarding this investigative matter.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) To report on attempted coverage of  
lead

**Date:** 06/14/2016

**CC:** [redacted]

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**From:** KANSAS CITY  
KC-07

**Contact:** [redacted]

**Approved By:** SSRA [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) To report on attempted coverage of lead.

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014

**Details:**

Attempts to locate and interview Destin Shryock in Joplin, Missouri have met with negative results.

Based on surveillance activities, it would appear that Shryock is no longer living at 1504 Murphy Boulevard in Joplin, Missouri. Attempts to make contact with individuals at this residence met with negative results and it appears that the house is empty. Approximately one week ago, mail in Shryock's name was still being delivered to the residence. A request was submitted to the US Postal Service to obtain any change of address information that may have been provided.

Attempts to locate Shryock at a previously known residence have also

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Title: (U) To report on attempted coverage of lead  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 06/14/2016

met negative results. Writer has traveled on several occasions to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Carl Junction, Missouri where Shryock's [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Although it is apparent that people are in  
the residence when writer has visited, no individuals will come to the  
door to speak with writer. Attempts to contact Shryock's  
[REDACTED] have also failed. A voice mail message identifies the  
number as Shryock's [REDACTED] and writer has left messages but has  
not received a return call.

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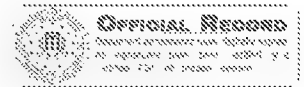
It does not appear that Shryock is in custody based on no previous  
arrest appearing on his criminal history. Also, there have been no new  
utility services provided to Shryock by the city of Joplin.

As detailed above, writer has been unsuccessful in covering the two  
leads set by Los Angeles Division.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock**Date:** 07/14/2016b6  
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b7E**From:** LOS ANGELES  
LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])**Contact:** [redacted]**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Interview suspect**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:****All new information is in bold.**

On 5/29/2014 at 11:25 am, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) received an emergency telephone call from a distraught man who identified himself as [redacted] and said that he [redacted]

[redacted] The SBSO dispatched the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Detectives, K9 units and a helicopter to the residence. Neighboring houses were evacuated and two schools in the area were placed on lockdown as a precaution. The residents were then called out of the house and it was determined that someone had made a false report (swatting) and that nothing had happened at the residence.

The residents of the home were [redacted] Hal,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hal Finney was in the end stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease, and was bound to a hospital bed and on life support.

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The next morning [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a man who asked if she was [REDACTED] and then he hung up. She immediately got six more telephone calls that she let go to voicemail. In the messages the man said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thirty minutes later the Santa Barbara County Fire Department received a telephone call from a man claiming to be Hal Finney saying that he was in a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fire department was dispatched to the Finney residence and it was determined that there was no fire and that this was another "swatting" incident. While two deputies were at the Finney house taking a report, the man called again and [REDACTED] The man said [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The man demanded [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The man knew that their Bitcoin were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the caller replied, [REDACTED]

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Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/14/2016

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[REDACTED]

The caller then asked [REDACTED] if the police were standing next to her listening to their conversation and she said that [REDACTED] and the caller replied, "Police don't condone extortion so I highly doubt you're gonna go through what you say but I'm just telling you now that [REDACTED]

The caller then sent [REDACTED] an email while they were talking on the phone which read, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The caller continued to call the Finney household for about ten more days but always hung up when he got the answering machine.

The caller used a voice disguiser in every call except for the first call to the Police Department when he reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not engage the caller anymore because the contacts and swatting were causing such stress on [REDACTED] Hal. The evening of 5/30/2014, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Hal is one of the early collaborators of Bitcoin and only the second person to mine it after it was anonymously created by an individual only known by the moniker Satoshi Nakamoto. Some theories on the internet are that Hal Finney was Satoshi Nakamoto but [REDACTED] denies that he was, although he has always worked in the cryptography field. Hal was diagnosed with

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Title: (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/14/2016

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ALS in 2009 and at the time of this incident he could no longer move, swallow, blink, communicate, eat, or breathe on his own. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hal died on August 28, 2014, less than 2 months after the calls began. [REDACTED] stated she believed the harassment he received in June hastened his death.

The subject used Skype to make his calls to the Police Department, Fire Department and to the Finney's. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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In August 2014, FBI KC went by the Carl Junction address and determined that the WIFI was secure and that the house was owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In October 2014, FBILA became aware that a Detective with the Del Rey Beach Florida Police Department had a similar case and tracked his suspect to the same Carl Junction, MO address. [REDACTED]

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Title: (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/14/2016

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Detective had someone from the Carl Junction Police Department go to the house on 7/3/14 and interview [REDACTED] who both denied making the swatting calls. They said that they were the only ones who used the computers in the house except for [REDACTED] Destin Shryock. [REDACTED] There were no more Finney incidents after the Officer's visit to the Carl Junction residence.

Destin Shryock seems to be the most likely suspect in this case. He was just recently identified as Charles Destine Shryock.

According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Title: (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/14/2016

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[REDACTED]

A CLEAR query shows that Shryock's cellular telephone number (417) 540-4474, is subscribed to be X Treme Mechanics at 4266 Cedar Drive in Joplin, MO. A Google maps query shows this to be a single family home.

It is requested that a recorded (for voice comparison) interview be done of Destin Shryock regarding his extortions and swatting calls to the Finney residence. It is also requested that a consent search for his computer be obtained. The following topics should be covered beyond the logical interview.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Title: (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 07/14/2016

The following is a description of Shryock:

Name:	Charles Destine David Shryock
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	8/24/94
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Green
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	185 lbs.

**Possible Addresses:** 6011 County Lane 295, Carl Junction, MO (where IP was registered, 6031 CL 295, Carl Junction (where his vehicle is registered), and 4266 Cedar Drive, Joplin, MO (where his phone is registered) or 1504 Byers Avenue, Joplin, MO, (where LPR shows his car parked until July 2015.

MO License: W202054008

Vehicle: 2000 Pontiac (white), HJ5P6K (tags expired in May 2016)



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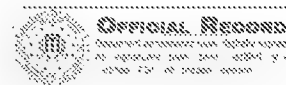
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Title: (U) Locate and interview Charles Destin Shryock  
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Date of entry 08/03/2016

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CHARLES DESTIN SHRYOCK, date of birth (DOB) August 24, 1994, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] Carl Junction, Missouri. Also present during the interview was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, SHRYOCK provided the following information:

SHRYOCK was asked if he was aware that writer had been trying to make contact with him and he responded that he was not. When told that writer had left a card on his door and had contacted family members requesting that he be notified of writer's request to speak with him, SHRYOCK stated that he had not found writer's card and had not been provided the information by family members. When asked why he failed to show up to a previously scheduled interview with another FBI Agent, SHRYOCK stated that he had overslept and missed the meeting.

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When asked if he knew why writer wanted to speak with him, SHRYOCK stated that he did not. Writer informed SHRYOCK that in May 2014 a family in the Los Angeles area had been the victim of "Swatting" and attempted extortion and writer was hoping that SHRYOCK could help with the investigation. SHRYOCK stated that he was aware that law enforcement officers had previously visited [REDACTED] residence as a result of a "Swatting" incident. SHRYOCK believes that someone had informed law enforcement that there were bombs in [REDACTED]

SHRYOCK stated that in May 2014 he was living with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Carl Junction, Missouri. SHRYOCK believes that he was working at Wal-Mart at this time. During this time, SHRYOCK spent a lot of time "MODing". When asked what "MODing" was, SHRYOCK stated that it was on-line gaming. SHRYOCK spent a lot of time playing Xbox360 on-line and also played games on the "7Sins" website. SHRYOCK stated that his [REDACTED] also played Xbox360 on-line and SHRYOCK would go to his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When asked if he ever used his laptop and [REDACTED] residence, SHRYOCK stated that he did not know if he had a laptop at this time and that he may have accessed the internet through his phone. [REDACTED]

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Investigation on 07/29/2016 at Carl Junction, Missouri, United States (In Person)

File # 9A-LA-4991169

Date drafted 07/29/2016

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had a computer at the residence but SHRYOCK did not have access to this computer. When asked what type of phone he had at this time, SHRYOCK stated that it was either an iPhone or a Blackberry and that the service provider was AT&T. SHRYOCK stated that [REDACTED] would not give him their WiFi password and [REDACTED] would log onto the WiFi when SHRYOCK would connect to the internet with his Xbox360. SHRYOCK stated that he was aware that many of the game players on the "7Sins" game site hacked computers and conducted "Swatting" attacks. When asked if he still had the computer that he previously accessed the "7Sins" game site with, SHRYOCK stated that he did not. SHRYOCK stated that he broke the laptop and got rid of it. When asked if he still had his Xbox360 console that he previously used at [REDACTED] stated that he believed he had sold the console. When asked who he sold the console to, SHRYOCK believes that he sold the console on Craig's List and does not recall who the purchaser was.

SHRYOCK was asked if he knew of anyone who played games using the name of [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that he previously played Xbox360 games with a user who used the name [REDACTED] and did not recognize the name [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that he knew that [REDACTED] was involved in hacking computers and extorting people. SHRYOCK stated that he did not know [REDACTED] real name or where he was located. SHRYOCK stated that he stopped playing games with [REDACTED] became angry with him. When asked why [REDACTED] became angry with him, SHRYOCK stated that he did not know. SHRYOCK stated that after he stopped playing games with [REDACTED] began receiving threatening phone calls from [REDACTED] and during these calls, [REDACTED] stated that he was going to kill SHRYOCK [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that he never gave [REDACTED] his real name and does not know how [REDACTED] obtained [REDACTED] telephone number. [REDACTED] telephone number at this time was [REDACTED] At this time, [REDACTED] stated that this information was correct and that this person would call her in the middle of the night making threats. [REDACTED] stated that this activity continued for several weeks and then became sporadic. [REDACTED] believes that the calls may have been originating from Florida. SHRYOCK stated that he believed that law enforcement came to [REDACTED] house as a result of something [REDACTED] had done.

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SHRYOCK was asked if he accessed Skype from [REDACTED] residence using his Xbox360 console. SHRYOCK stated that he didn't believe you could access Skype through an older Xbox360 console but that he had never done that. When asked if he accessed Skype at [REDACTED] residence using his laptop, SHRYOCK stated that he had not. When asked if he used [REDACTED] computer at her residence, SHRYOCK stated that he did not.

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When asked if he had a Paypal account, SHRYOCK stated that he did. SHRYOCK was asked if the e-mail address mobthedeadd19@gmail.com was associated to his PayPal account. SHRYOCK stated that it was. SHRYOCK was also asked if the e-mail address Destin@live.com belonged to him and he stated that it did. When informed that records indicated that his PayPal account was established from a ip address that was used to make extortion calls via Skype to the victims in Los Angeles, SHRYOCK stated that he never made any extortion or Swatting calls and he believes that [REDACTED] may have used this ip address to place the Skype calls. When informed that ip address resolve to a unique address and could not be "spoofed", SHRYOCK suggested that [REDACTED] may have hacked into his gaming console while he was playing games on-line.

When he was asked if he knew an individual by the name of [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that he believed that [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED]. When asked why he would have conducted a PayPal transaction with [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that on one occasion, [REDACTED] asked SHRYOCK to send him some \$1 via PayPal. When asked why he would need SHRYOCK to send him \$1, SHRYOCK did not know.

When asked if he had established an on-line bitcoin wallet, SHRYOCK stated that he had established a wallet but that he had never used the wallet. When asked why he had established the wallet, SHRYOCK stated that bitcoins are frequently used by on-line gamers.

SHRYOCK was asked if he could recall the user name he would use while playing on-line games. SHRYOCK stated that he normally used the name "MOB". When asked if he had any other user names, SHRYOCK could not recall any. SHRYOCK stated that he no longer plays on-line games.

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When asked if he knew an individuals by the name of HAL FINNEY or [REDACTED] SHRYOCK stated that he did not. SHRYOCK was informed that these were the names of the victims of the Los Angeles Swatting attacks and extortion attempts. SHRYOCK was informed that the evidence gathered by the Los Angeles Division indicated that the extortion calls came from an ip address associated [REDACTED]

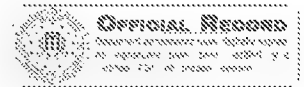
[REDACTED] SHRYOCK had access to the internet from her residence. SHRYOCK stated that he was not a bad person and the he has never conducted a Swatting attack and had never attempted to extort anyone. SHRYOCK was asked if he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to clear him from any involvement in this crime. SHRYOCK stated that he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to clear his name. Writer informed SHRYOCK that this option would be discussed and that writer would contact him at a later date. SHRYOCK was

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asked if he would meet with writer at a later time if additional questions were developed and SHRYOCK stated that he would. SHRYOCK was provided writer's business card at the end of the interview.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Lead to conduct a polygraph**Date:** 08/09/2016**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Lead to conduct a polygraph of Charles Destin Shryock.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

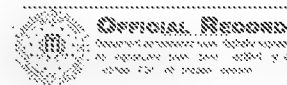
Charles Destin Shryock was interviewed by FBI KC on 7/29/16 regarding the 2014 swatting and extortion of Hal Finney and [redacted] in Santa Barbara, California. Shryock denied knowing of Hal Finney or being responsible for the swatting and extortion and instead blamed it on [redacted]. Shryock did admit to having a Bitcoin wallet, having Paypal, and having the e-mail address of mobthedeath19@gmail.com. Shryock consented to a polygraph examination at a future date. It is requested that a polygraph exam be arranged and conducted of Shryock, the only suspect in this case. Shryock indicated that he could be reached at [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) To document coverage of lead.**Date:** 09/06/2016**CC:** [REDACTED]b6  
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KC-07**Contact:** [REDACTED]**Approved By:** SSRA [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169(U) UNSUB;  
[REDACTED]Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;  
[REDACTED]Extortion;  
OO: LA**Synopsis:** (U) To document coverage of lead.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

On September 6, 2016, writer spoke with Joplin, Missouri based attorney [REDACTED] advised that he is representing Charles "Destin" Shryock. [REDACTED] stated that during a conversation with Shryock, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] he learned that the FBI had requested that Shryock take a polygraph examination to eliminate him as a suspect in an extortion investigation. [REDACTED] informed writer that after discussing the situation with Shryock, Shryock has decided that he will not take a polygraph examination.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was informed that this information  
would be provided to the Agent conducting the investigation.

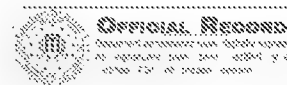
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Due to Shryock's decision to not take a polygraph examination, the  
Kansas City Division considers this lead covered.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Obtain death certificate**Date:** 01/17/2017**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Lead to obtain death certificate**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

It is requested that a copy of the death certificate for the following subject be obtained so that this case can be closed.

**Name:** Charles Destine David Shryock**AKA:** Charles David Shryock**Sex:** Male**Race:** White**DOB:** 8/24/94

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Title: (U) Obtain death certificate

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DOD: 11/18/16

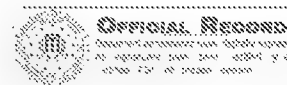
Residence: Carl Junction, Jasper County, Missouri

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) Email regarding death of Charles  
Shryock

**Date:** 01/18/2017

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**From:** LOS ANGELES  
LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]

**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

[redacted]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

[redacted]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) e-mail regarding subject's death

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) e-mail

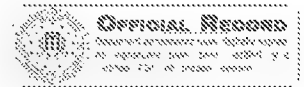
**Details:**

Attached is an e-mail from FBI KC regarding the death of the subject Charles Shryock.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) Death certificate for Charles Destin  
David Shryock

**Date:** 01/20/2017

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**From:** KANSAS CITY  
KC-24

**Contact:**

**Approved By:** SIA

**Drafted By:**

**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;

Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Scanned copy of Missouri death certificate for Charles Destin David Shryock.

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Death Certificate

**Details:**

Supervisor, Missouri Department of Health (MDH), Bureau of Vital Statistics, 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, telephone number  provided a copy of the Missouri Certification of Death, 124-16-034509, filed on 11/23/2016. This certificate recorded the death of Charles Destin David Shryock on 11/18/2016 in Jasper County, Missouri. The underlying cause of death was listed as accident, apparent drug overdose-unknown.

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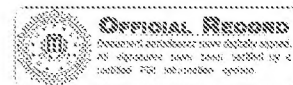
Title: (U) Death certificate for Charles Destin David Shryock  
Re: 9A-LA-4991169, 01/20/2017

The certificate is attached as an electronic 1A package.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) Dispose of 1B1**Date:** 01/25/2017**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

**Contact:** [redacted]b6  
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b7E**Approved By:** SSA [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** 9A-LA-4991169

(U) UNSUB;

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Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[redacted]  
Extortion;

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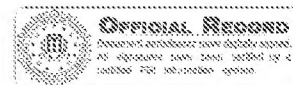
**Synopsis:** (U) Disposition of 1B1**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Details:**

It is requested that 1B1, described as a voicemail recording on a compact disk, be destroyed as a 1B item and converted to a 1A and returned to the writer to be put into the physical file.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) 1A for file for 1B1**Date:** 02/14/2017**From:** LOS ANGELES

LA-EVID [REDACTED]

**Contact:** [REDACTED]b6  
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(U) Charles Destine David Shryock;

[REDACTED]  
Harold "Hal" Finney - Victim;[REDACTED]  
Extortion;

OO: LA

**Synopsis:** (U) Submitting 1A to case file.**Full Investigation Initiated:** 06/06/2014**Reference:** 9A-LA-4991169 Serial 47**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) (1) One original FD 1087 and FD 1004 for 1B1. (1) One EC for SN 47. (1) One CD (1B1)

**Details:**

Document created to submit 1A to sentinel case file.

(1) One original FD 1087 and FD 1004 for 1B1.

(1) One EC for SN 47.

(1) One CD (1B1)

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Title: (U) 1A for file for 1B1  
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